

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday February 29th 2004**

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## **IRTS AGM and Limerick Rally**

The Annual General Meeting of the Irish Radio Transmitters Society will take place on Sunday March the 7th at the Greenhills Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick. The AGM this year is being hosted by Limerick Radio Club and will run in conjunction with the LRC rally. The Annual Dinner will take place the previous night (Saturday March the 6th) at the same venue.

Please note that nominations for all trophies must be with the Awards Committee on or before February the 29th. Entrants for the Construction Trophies must present their equipment to the Awards Committee before noon on the day. Entries for the Ian Morris Trophy must also be submitted before February the 29th. All trophies should be returned to Peter Grant, EI4HX as soon as possible.

The list of confirmed attendees to date for the Limerick Rally are ICOM UK, Linear Amp UK, YAESU UK, Cellcom, Long Communications and Southeast Communications.

A demonstration of Licence free Wide Area Networking operating on 2.4 GHz will take place as will a demonstration on the operation of EchoLink.

Yaesu are donating an FT8800R dual band mobile transceiver for the rally and also a VR120 scanner for the AGM dinner.

Bring and Buy will feature as usual, due to circumstances beyond the control of Limerick Radio Club the cost of the tables have increased to €10. It is with regret that LRC have had to increase the price, but this is due to circumstances that are beyond the control of the club.

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## **Tory Island**

Daniel EJ9FHB is out on Tory Island B84, Donegal at the moment and will be there until Tuesday and he hopes to put the Island and Lighthouse on the air in the next couple of days.

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## **AREN**

The AREN Group will have a presence on the IRTS stand at the Limerick Rally. This will consist of a member of the AREN group who will be available to meet members and to provide information on Voluntary Emergency Communication. 144.775 MHz will be monitored for the duration of the rally in order to facilitate communications between members and those seeking information.

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## **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

The Annual General Meeting of the Group took place on the 25th of February last. The committee for the coming year are as follows; Mark Wall EI7IS stays on as Chairperson and John McCarthy EI8JA continues as Secretary. Vice Chairperson is Eoin EI7FXB and Mick EI5DCB continues as Treasurer. The committee officers are, Egidio EI9EQ, Eddie EI9DJB and Jim EI4DT. The election of officers was followed by questions and answers and Jim EI8IG demonstrated the ATV repeater in Helvick.

Up to date information about the club is available at [www.searg.com](http://www.searg.com)

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## **Enniskillen Rally**

Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club hosts the 23rd Enniskillen Amateur Radio Show in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh on Sunday the 25th of April 2004. Doors open at 12.00 noon.

Car parking facilities and food will be available. Admission is £3.00 which includes free ticket for Raffle with valuable prizes. Bring & Buy with no fee. Amateur Radio, Electronics, Computers, traders big and small, equipment, accessories, components, new surplus and second-hand. Traditional large attendance expected from all over Ireland, north and south.

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## **Lighthouse Maps**

A map of Irish Lighthouses and Lightships is now available on EI8ICs website at [www.gsl.net/ei8ic/maps/lighthouse.html](http://www.gsl.net/ei8ic/maps/lighthouse.html) When viewed with Internet Explorer, additional features are available, including identifier-boxes for each point on the map, and a sortable database that can be used off-line, with information on ARLHS number, county, position, light and tower details.

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